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Lt. Gen. Krulak donates to Marine education

BY LANCE CPL. CHARLIE CHAVEZ Chevron staff

The Marine Corps University Foundation honored retired Lt. Gen. Victor H. Krulak for his service to Country and Corps and thanked him for donating all proceeds from his book, *First to Fight*, to the Foundation in a ceremony at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego's Bay View Restaurant Jan. 23.

Depot and Western Recruiting Region commanding general, Brig. Gen. Angie Salinas, accompanied by several other generals, retired and former Marines and depot Marines, honored Lt. Gen. Krulak's service and donation.

Lt. Gen. Krulak decided to donate all proceeds from his book starting in June 2007. So far, the book has accumulated \$21,000 for the foundation.

"We get semiannual checks from the publisher, the U. S. Naval Institute," said retired Brig. Gen. Thomas V. Draude, president and executive officer, Marine Corps University Foundation.

Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. James T. Conway recently distributed a required reading list for Marines highlighting Lt. Gen. Krulak's book *First to Fight* as one to be "read and discussed by every Marine."

Lt. Gen. Krulak spoke about the honor of having the Commandant use his book as a pivotal tool for Marines.

Lt. Gen. Krulak's book is an autobiography with historical references and insight

into his 34-year career.

During his speech, Lt. Gen. Krulak spoke about his experience in the Marine Corps and the need to donate proceeds from his book without personal gain or anyone taxing the donation.

"He has definitely been one of the most influential leaders of the Corps," said Brig. Gen. Draude. "He has given a lot to the Marine Corps."

The 95-year-old's early Marine Corps service included duty with the 6th Marine Regiment in San Diego, and the 4th Marine Regiment in China. At the outbreak of World War II, he volunteered for parachute training went into action at Vella Lavella with the 2nd New Zealand Brigade, as the commanding officer of the 2d Parachute Battalion.

In 1943, he received the Navy Cross and a Purple Heart Medal for his actions on Choiseul Island. He also participated in the Okinawa campaign and the surrender of Japanese forces in Tsingtao, China, earning the Legion of Merit with Combat "V" device and Bronze Star Medals. He also served in Korea with the 1st Marine Division, earning a second Legion of Merit with Combat "V" and the Air Medal. He retired as commanding general, Fleet Marine Forces Pacific.

The Marine Corps University Foundation's mission is to provide resources to enhance and enrich professional military education and leadership at the Marine Corps University and for the Operating Forces and Supporting Establishment. Its goal is to "Change lives and save lives!"



Retired Lt. Gen. Victor H. Krulak receives a plaque from retired Brig. Gen. Thomas V. Draude, president and executive officer, Marine Corps University Foundation, during a commemoration breakfast at the Bayview Restaurant here. Lt. Gen. Krulak donated all proceeds from his book *First to Fight* to the Marine Corps University Foundation.

Duncan Hall best dining facility in Corps second consecutive year



Pfc. Mark Hartrick, finance, stops by Duncan Hall for evening chow. Duncan Hall earned the Maj. Gen. W. P. T. Hill Memorial award, which acknowledges the best dining facility in the Marine Corps, for the second year in a row. Cpl. Carrie Booze/Chevron

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Duncan Hall was recognized as the best civilianized Marine Corps mess hall in 2007, winning the Maj. Gen. W.P.T. Hill Memorial award for the second year in a row.

Duncan Hall triumphed over 44 West Coast mess halls during the initial evaluation, Oct. 25. The Maj. Gen. W. P. T. Hill Memorial Award is an annual award designed to improve mess hall operations and acknowledge the best dining facility in the Corps.

The mess halls were evaluated on management, food preparation, sanitation, serving techniques, food acceptability, conservation measures, equipment, personal hygiene, receiving, storage procedures and implementation of the Facility Improvement Program.

"The most important thing to

remember while preparing for an inspection is attention to detail. It wasn't difficult to prepare for the inspection because we do proper maintenance to our facility throughout the year," said Andrew Place, general manger for Duncan Hall.

Duncan Hall offers an extra entrée to provide a larger selection during lunch and dinner, and has menu specials every month.

"We want to provide customers with the very best, which means constantly enhancing the menu," said Capt. Richard Martinez, director of food services for the depot. "The ambience of this facility is another attribute to its greatness."

"I can never go wrong by eating at Duncan Hall," said Sgt. Jorge Ruelas, Headquarters Company, noncommissioned officer in charge. "There is always an extensive selection and great service."

Over the last eight months, Dun-

can Hall has incorporated more than \$645,000 in improvements for digital menu screens, new cooking equipment and maintaining the facility, said Martinez.

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Renetia Hall, assistant manager, attributes a large portion of Duncan Hall's success to the strong relationship between the civilian workers and the Marines.

"It is a delight to serve the Marines. We make it a priority to give them the best customer service possible and make sure the facility is a clean and enjoyable environment," said Herlinda Zuniga, mess attendant.

The Hill Team congratulated staff members for their accomplishments and thanked them for providing excellent food service for the personnel aboard the depot.

"Although I can go off base to eat, the quality and quantity of the food at Duncan Hall is great," said Ruelas.



Depot observes
Martin Luther
King Jr. birthday

Company M:

Seven miles on the road but never left home

Coastguardsmen



Refresh their skills during underway training

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Depot observes Martin Luther King Jr. day

BY PFC. ALICIA SMALL Chevron staff

"I am happy to join with you today in what will go down in history as the greatest demonstration for freedom in the history of our nation."—Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Aug. 28, 1963, "I Have a Dream" speech.

Service members and civilians from Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego gathered Jan. 18 at the depot theater to partake in an observance of the life and work of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

The event began with a prayer from Lt. Cmdr. Ronald Ringo, Headquarters and Service Battalion chaplain. Brig. Gen. Angie Salinas, commanding general of Marine Corps Recruit Depot and the Western Recruiting Region, then compared King's work to the United States military's mission.

The general said the military also fights for the freedom and equality of the people and the betterment of the country, just like King. She also said that both have made tremendous sacrifices that everyone should reflect on and honor.

"A Time for Justice," a film that won an Academy Award for best short documentary, was shown illustrating the struggle and heroism of the Civil Rights movement through historic news footage.

"The video was extremely informative," said Petty Officer 2nd Class Robert Aguirre, who narrated the observance. "I was surprised to see how violent people could be toward one another. Sometimes it was difficult to watch, and the people's actions made me angry, but I think that was the emotion it was trying to get across."

According to Lt. Col. Ira Cheatham, Support Battalion commanding officer, the film captured how important King's work is to the history of America. He said it was amazing that despite all the violence and hatred that was directed toward African Americans, King successfully protested peacefully.

It is important that he be remembered because his tenacity influenced the govern-



Depot military and civilian members attend a memorial observance honoring the life and work of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in the depot theater, Jan. 18.

ment and many laws were passed that affected not only African Americans, but other minorities and women as well, said

"I believe Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was an influential leader because he practiced what we Marines call our core values of honor, courage, and commitment," said Master Sgt. Anthony Scrofne, equal opportunity advisor for Marine Corps Recruit Depot and the Western Recruiting Region "He was mindful of the privilege in serving his fellow Americans and he had values that gave him the moral and mental strength to do what is right. With confidence and resolution, he strove to improve the quality of people's lives despite the adversity he faced from day to day."

Near the end of the observance, a powerful voice filled the air as Lewis Sheffield, lead human resources assistant at the Consolidated Personnel Administration Center, recited King's famous, "I Have a Dream" speech.

The audience closed their eyes and heard the passion and intensity in his voice

as he emulated Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., said Cheatham, a native of Fayetteville, N.C. "The performance was outstanding because Sheffield made it obvious he believed in every word he was saying and he believed in the cause for which King fought."

"Martin Luther King Jr. stood for equal rights for all people," said Sheffield, a native of Jacksonville, Fla. "If it wasn't for him and the many others that fought for equality, I would not have had the opportunities to do what I have with my life, like being a Marine."

Capt. David Cote, H&S Battalion's equal opportunity advisor, felt Sheffield had a gift. He said it was an example of how Marines, past and present, empower other Marines.

"The most significant part of the event was that depot personnel of all races, ethnicities and national origins participated in observing and honoring the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and his contributions to American society and the world," said Scrofne.



Century Club welcomes area military to annual appreciation event

Depot Marines join military members from all branches at the Hilton La Jolla Torrey Pines Hotel for the Century Club's Annual Military Appreciation Luncheon. The event marked the kickoff of the annual Buick Invitational Golf Tournament, January 22. The Century Club created a Military Appreciation Pavilion on the course during tournament week and was open to all activeduty military personnel and their immediate families, and featured complimentary refreshments. Cpl. Carrie Booze/Chevron

Depot 2008 tax assistance center opens for business

Cpl. Guillermo Ramirez, left, offers tax assistance to Staff Sgt. Dennis E. Smith, a senior drill instructor with Company I, and his family Jan. 22 at the depot's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Center. The VITA Center is now open across the street from the depot gym, to provide tax assistance to service members, their dependants and Department of Defense personnel. The service will be offered Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., through April 15. Call (619) 524-4110 or (619) 524-4111 for information. Lance Cpl. Robert W. Beaver/Chevron



BRIEFS

Exceptional Family Member Program Information & Resource Fair

The Exceptional Family Member Program Information & Resource Fair will be held Feb. 28 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the MCRD Field House Gym, Bldg. 650.

Resources will be available to support EFMP families to establish contact and gather information. Children's activities will be provided. For information, contact Sally Lambert at (619) 524-6078 or rosalee.lam bert.ctr@usmc.mil.

Career and Education Fair

The Career Resource and Education Centers will host a free Education and Career Fair Feb. 13 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Field House Gym, Bldg. 14. Active duty, DoD and civilians will have the opportunity to speak with potential employers or with educational institutions regarding degrees, certificates and training. For information call (619) 524-5732.

Flu shots for active duty

Staff Health at the Branch Medical Clinic, Bldg. 596, will administer flu vaccinations from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Mon. through Fri. To request group shots in your workplace, on Monday or Friday, call (619) 524-1565 to schedule. Retirees and family members eligible for care at a military treatment facility, call (619) 524-1565 for availability and scheduling, or call the Navy Medical Center hotline at (619) 532-5FLU.

Wednesday night Bingo

Wednesday is Bingo Night at the Recreation Center, Bldg. 590. Come participate for the chance to win cash prizes and up to \$5,000 in the "Progressive Special Game." Raffles will be held at intermission. Bingo card sales start at 5 p.m.; early bird games start at 6:30 p.m.; and regular games start at 7 p.m. From 5 to 7 p.m. a salad, pizza and spaghetti buffet is offered for \$5.95. All proceeds go to benefit child and teen programs on the depot. For information contact Rachel Landolt at landoltrr@usmc-mccs.org.

Tuesday Bible study

Join the Bible study group at the multi-purpose room next to the RTR chaplain's office in Bldg. 28, RTR HQ (next to the theater) each Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. The group is currently reading and discussing the Book of Proverbs.

Horseshoe tournament

CG Cup singles and doubles horseshoe tournaments are scheduled in February. The singles tourney will take place on Feb. 20, while the doubles tourney is set for Feb. 26. Both tournaments will be held at the Boathouse. Registration for the events is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. at the athletic office, upstairs in building 13. For information call Rachel Dickinson at (619) 524-0548.

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Educators Workshop 2008



Educators from Recruiting Stations Milwaukee and St. Louis observe recruits involved in pugil stick training Tuesday. The workshop is designed to give educators a taste of the Marine Corps so they can better advise their students on military options after graduation. A pugil stick is a close combat training weapon that represents a rifle with fixed bayonet. The red pad is the bayonet side, and the black pad is the butt. This event pits recruits one-on-one in a ring and allows them to practice bayonet techniques on each other instead of a dummy. During training, recruits are equipped with football helmets, flak jackets, mouthpieces and codpieces to reduce injuries. Lance Cpl. Charlie Chavez/Chevron photos

Midwest, southern educators get a week-long taste of recruit training

COMPILED BY MCRD PUBLIC AFFAIRS

igh school administrators, teachers and counselors from Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, Missouri and Arkansas experienced a week long synopsis of Marine Corps recruit training this week, during the first 2008 Educators Workshop.

Drill instructors deboarded and welcomed the administrators by placing them on the infamous yellow footprints, just as though they were recruits reporting for duty.

Drill instructors use the yellow footprints as an initial chance to make their ominous presence known to recruits. They run and yell frantically describing the rules and guidelines of training.

"This was a great experience," said Chaka Gibson,

counselor, Woodruff High School, Peoria, Ill. "What the recruits step into is amazing and a little bit intimidating."

The educators received briefings that describe the entire enlistment process from initial contact with a Marine recruiter, to joining the Marine Corps, attending boot camp, graduating and being assigned to the Fleet Marine Force.

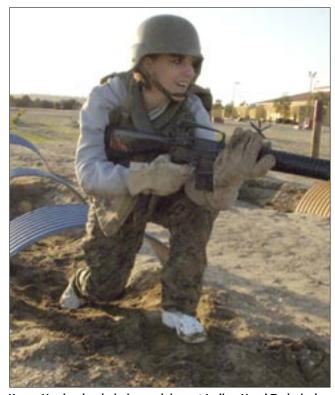
At the end of the first day,

educators were invited to take part in an exercise at the Bayonet Assault Course on the depot. There they maneuvered around obstacles, crawled through tunnels and carried rubber M-16A2 service rifles while wearing flak jackets and kevlar helmets.

"This definitely opened our eyes about the Marine Corps," said Bob Maurer, football coach, Marshall High School, Milwaukee. "It gives us more information to give the kids."

The educators also visited Weapons Field Training Battalion, Edson Range, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif. While there they witnessed weapons firing and field training.

Many of the educators said that they are leaving with a better understanding of the Marine Corps and the young men and women that embody it.



Karen Hogland, admissions advisor at Indian Head Technical College, Shell Lake, Wis., maneuvers through the bayonet assault course Tuesday. Workshop participants were given a hands-on demonstration to give a more detailed view of Marine Corps recruit training.



Staff Sgt. Steven Scott, 1st Battalion drill instructor, instructs educators in close order drill as they proceed to their first event Tuesday, during their week-long Educators Workshop here.



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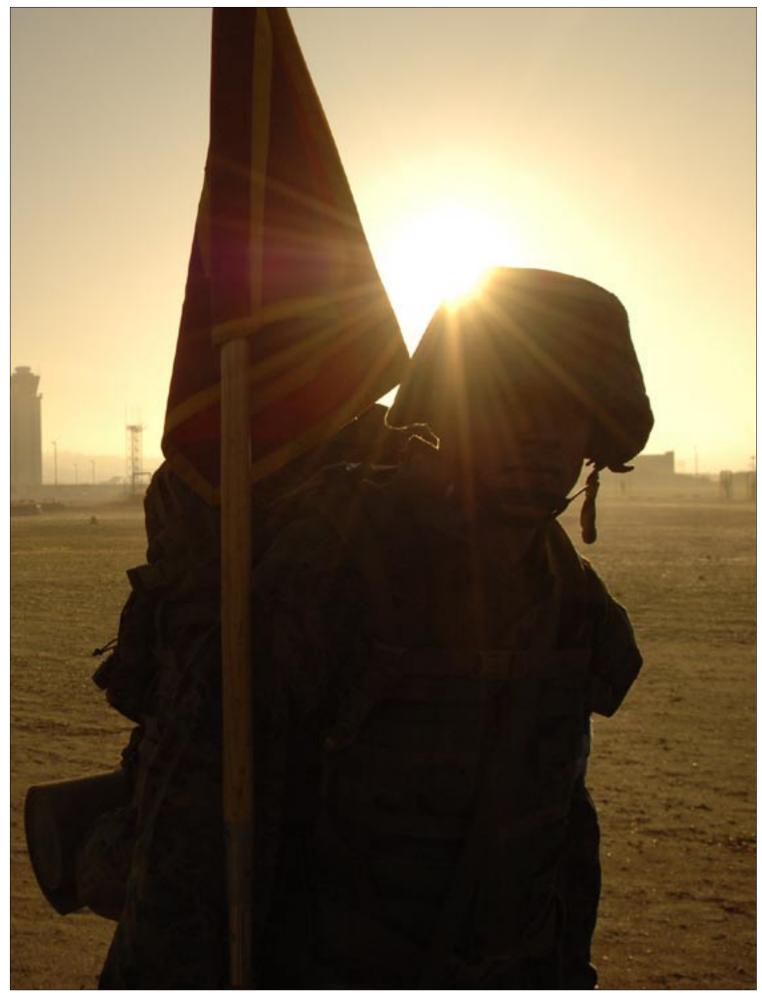
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Recruit Julio Espinoza, Platoon 3270, Company M, pauses to glance at his platoon mates during a five-minute break in the early hours of Jan. 12 during a seven-mile hike on Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego. As guide, Espinoza is the platoon leader. Lance Cpl. Charlie Chavez/Chevron photos



Company M, Platoon 3269 recruits listen to their drill instructor, Sgt. Joshua R. Bennett, as he gives a class on proper uniform maintenance in the few minutes before the start of their seven-mile conditioning hike. Drill instructors try to use time between events to give recruits extra information that will benefit them later.



Recruit Mathew C. Beam is ready for the sevendepot Jan. 12. Each recruit carried a 30-pound their conditioning in the days prior to the Cruci



Company M recruits strap their packs to their b learn the simplest way to put on their pack is to



Partially loaded packs add to this test of recruit in formation exactly where the recruits are inst recruits to find their place in the platoon.

mile hike Company M took around the pack. The event helps recruits maintain

Company M recruits hike the depot

STORY & PHOTOS BY LANCE CPL. CHARLIE CHAVEZ
Chevron staff

As the sun peaked over the horizon, the recruits of Company M checked over their equipment once more in preparation to shoulder their 30-pound packs, fall in line and complete a new seven-mile conditioning hike around the depot on Jan. 12.

When Marine Corps Commandant Gen. James T. Conway assumed command as commandant, his planning guidance included modifications to the recruit training schedule. The modifications included moving the Crucible from the eighth week of training to the 11th week to better reflect the transformation of a recruit into a Marine.

The seven-mile hike on the depot was introduced so that the recruits could maintain their physical conditions in preparation for the Crucible.

Before the hike recruits spend three weeks at Weapons Field Training Battalion, Edson Range, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif. There they hiked, fired weapons, pitched tents, dug trenches for protection and ate field rations.

The depot hike takes place two weeks after the recruits return to the depot from

their field training. Carrying packs, rifles and other gear requires endurance that must be built up and maintained throughout training.

"We need to keep up their conditioning for the Crucible with this sustainment hike so they are capable of carrying the necessary items in combat or training," said Staff Sgt. Jason K. Kawaihalau, drill instructor, Company M, from Anahola, Hawaii.

The hike route took the recruits by depot buildings on the National Historical Buildings registrar such as Quarters One, the commanding general's home. They also pass by a stucco walkway of buildings spanning the length of Shepherd Memorial Drill Field referred to as the arcade, and the depot theater, McDougal Hall.

"I got to see parts of the (depot) that I haven't before," said Recruit Michael J. Chesny, Platoon 3271, Company M.

The depot's flat terrain made the hike easier for the recruits who in about a week cover 45 miles of mountainous terrain in about a week at Camp Pendleton during the 54-hour Crucible.

The drill instructors also taught the recruits about Marine Corps history, rank structure and the Uniform Code of

Military Justice by appointing a recruit to lead the platoon in reciting those facts as they hiked.

Many of the recruits of Company M said they enjoyed the hike and added that it was less intense than previous ones.

"The hike was definitely easier than the ones up at (Camp Pendleton)," said Chesny, from Claremore, Okla.

Recruits pack a slightly lighter load than they carried at Edson Range to prevent injury, but the recruits are still required to wear their flak jackets, Kevlar helmets, and carry their canteens and other miscellaneous items issued during their first weeks on the depot.

"We had lighter packs than when we were up north, which made the hike easier," said Recruit Klint W. Jackson, Platoon 3271, Company M, from Austin, Texas.
"I definitely enjoyed the scenery and the hills a lot more at (Camp Pendleton)."

Once they graduate from boot camp, these new Marines will continue to carry packs, rifles and other items on various hikes during Marine Combat Training at Camp Pendleton. During this follow-on training, they will build more endurance, hone the techniques they learned in boot camp and learn the common skills needed in combat.



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Company M, Platoon 3273, recruits turn onto the dirt road next to San Diego International Airport, Lindberg Field, during their seven-mile conditioning hike on the denot



Company M recruits pass the depot's rappel tower during their seven-mile conditioning hike on Jan. 12.

Company M Marine follows in uncle's footsteps

BY CPL. CARRIE BOOZE
Chevron staff

With his uncle's boot camp photo watching over him while he slept in his bed at home, Pvt. Eddie Gomez grew up hearing stories about a Marine who held a very prominent place in his family members' heart.

His uncle, Warrant Officer Thomas Diffenbaugh, received the Bronze Star for his actions during the first Gulf War. While driving back from work during blackout conditions, he went to pass a car and was hit head-on by an armored vehicle which killed him instantly.

Gomez's family tried to keep his legend alive by speaking about him often and by having his former Marine friends come to family gatherings, said Lynn Duncan, Gomez's aunt.

"Although I never met my uncle, I was told that my personality was a direct reflection of his," said Gomez. "He was said to be courageous and a good Marine, so I idolized him when I was a child."

When Gomez was 10 years old he made his first trip to the depot to attend his cousin's boot camp graduation. After seeing the pride and confidence his cousin had developed, Gomez knew he wanted to be a Marine.

Gomez spent his adolescent years in Bakersfield, Calif., working as a stock boy at a local grocery store, a job that he considered dead-end. Life at home was difficult for Gomez, so he decided to move in with his aunt in hopes of finding direction in life.

While living with his aunt, Gomez played a very active role in his community. He volunteered and helped organize military sponsored events such as Toys-for-Tots and the Marine Mud Run.

"When my nephew said he was joining the Marine Corps it didn't surprise me at all," said Duncan. "With all of our volunteer work and a cousin who is a Marine, he was always exposed to the Marine Corps."

Gomez said he joined for many reasons—to gain motivation, escape a dead-end job, a challenge, but most of all, he wanted to follow in his uncle's footsteps and defend his country.

After being in the Delayed Entry Program for two months, Gomez departed for recruit training Nov. 5, and picked up with Company H, Platoon

Gomez found his first challenge when his platoon traveled north to Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif., for marksmanship training. Unable to grasp the fundamentals of marksmanship, Gomez was held back for two weeks to repeat the rifle range where he picked up with Company M, Platoon 3273.

Duncan said that after Gomez dropped back in training, he wrote numerous letters to her stating that he had tried his hardest, which is all that he could do, and that he just needed more training.

"Gomez arrived in our platoon lacking motivation," said Staff Sgt. Bryan Lampe, senior drill instructor. "But once he qualified on the range, he didn't have any more difficulties with training."

Gomez said that recruit training instilled a teamwork mentality in him. He now realizes that in order to complete a mission, teamwork is essential because it is impossible to do everything alone.

Lampe said he has noticed an extreme transformation in Gomez since he picked up with their platoon. He said he is now more confident, disciplined and exemplifies the Corps' ethos of honor, courage and commitment.

As Gomez stood on the parade deck during the Emblem Ceremony, he said he thought about his uncle who once shared in the same experience.

"Before recruit training I lacked any drive or ambition, but I feel like the Marine Corps has given purpose in life," said Gomez. "The Marine Corps is the first thing I have ever been fully committed to and I am proud to have earned the title Marine."

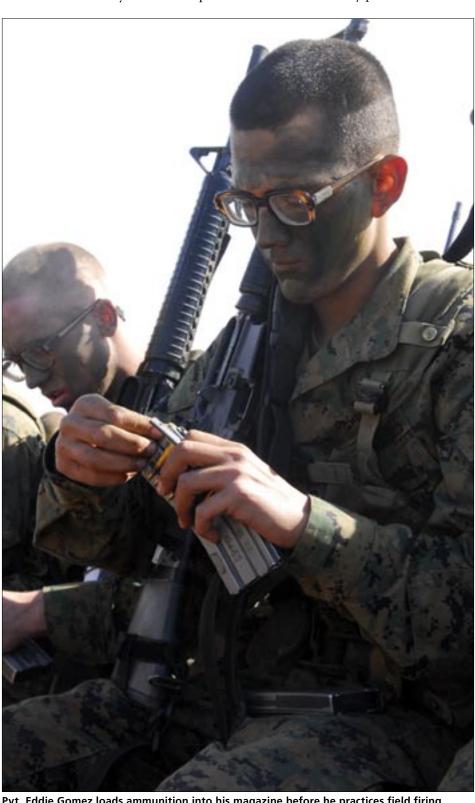
Following graduation, he will return home for 10 days of leave and then continue his training at the School of Infantry, Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Gomez enlisted with a supply administration and operations clerk military occupational specialty. He said he

chose this job because he has always been interested in business logistics, and hopes to pursue a career in it after the Marine Corps.

"He has come very far over the past

few years, and the Marine Corps has given him the much-needed discipline," said Duncan. "I am proud of all he has accomplished, and I know his uncle would be very proud of him."



Pvt. Eddie Gomez loads ammunition into his magazine before he practices field firing during the Crucible, Jan. 24. The Crucible is a 54-hour field training that evaluates a recruit's mental, moral, and physical development in order to validate his transformation into a Marine.

Sgt. Maj. Randall Carter

PARADE REVIEWING OFFICER

Sergeant Major Randall Carter enlisted in the Marine Corps in August 1978. He reported to Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, S.C., in July 1979 for training with 2nd Recruit Training Battalion. Following recruit training, he reported to Infantry Training School, Camp Geiger, N.C.

In 1979, Carter reported to 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marines, 2nd Marine Division. He served with Company L, 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines, 3rd Marine Division. While overseas, Carter attended the field radio operator course at Division Schools, Camp Hanson, Okinawa, Japan. In April 1981, he was assigned to Company C, 1st Battalion, 6th Marines, 2nd Marine Division and was meritoriously promoted to corporal in July 1981. Carter was reassigned to 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines, Company G in February 1982 and was promoted to sergeant in January 1983.

Carter reenlisted in February 1983 and attended The United States Army Air Defense Course at Fort Bliss, Texas. Carter reported to 3rd Low Altitude Air Missile Battalion, 2nd Marine Air Wing, Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, N.C., where he served as a section chief.

In August 1987, he reenlisted as a combat video documentary specialist. Carter attended school at Lowery Air Force Base, Denver, Colo. He reported to Training and Audio Visual Support Center, Quantico, Va., for duty in November 1987. He was promoted to staff sergeant in November 1989.

Carter volunteered for orders to drill instructor duty and reported to Drill Instruc-

tor School at MCRD Parris Island in April 1990. Carter was assigned to Company D, 1st Recruit Training Battalion, where he served as a drill instructor, senior drill instructor, and series gunnery sergeant.

In July 1992, Carter reported to Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro, Calif. During this time, he was promoted to gunnery sergeant and served as the staff non commissioned officerin-charge for the interactive television section for the Training and Audio Visual Support Center. Carter reported to 3rd Marine Division in July 1996, and served as the SNCOIC for the Combat Camera section of Training and Audio Visual Support Center. Upon selection to first sergeant, he was ordered to inspector-instructor

In June 1997, Carter reported to inspector-instructor duty South Bend, Ind., for duty as first sergeant, Engineer

Company B, 6th Engineer Support Battalion, where he served until his promotion to sergeant major in November 2001.

Carter reported to 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines, during January 2002 and served in Operations Enduring/Iraqi Freedom I and Phase IV Operations as the Battalion Landing Team sergeant major with the 15th MEU. In October 2004, Carter served in Operation Vigilant Resolve in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom II with 1st Marine Division.

In December 2004, Carter reported to MCRD San Diego, as 1st Recruit Training Battalion sergeant major until August 2005. Carter served as the Recruit Training Regiment sergeant major until September 2007.

Carter assumed his current post as the 1st Marine Division sergeant major on Oct. 19, 2007.

Carter's personal decora-

tions include the Bronze Star with Combat "V" (gold star in lieu of second award), Meritorious Service Medal with one gold star, Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal with gold star, the Army Achievement Medal, the Combat Action Ribbon and the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal.





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HIGH PFT (300) Pvt. C. J. Niedfeldt Emporia, Kan. Recruited by Staff Sgt. M. D. Tilman

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Company M, Platoon 3274 drill instructor, Sgt. Ryan Hurtado, encourages recruits during the Combat Conditioning Exercise course. The CCX is designed to give recruits a combat mindset by incorporating Marine Corps martial arts techniques while they are exhausted. Cpl. Carile Booze/Chevron

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MSST refreshes skills during underway training

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Twelve Coastguardsmen with the Maritime Safety and Security Team attached to Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego put their water survival skills to the test during a training evolution just off the coast near Naval Air Station North Island Jan. 17.

Among several tasks required for this training mission, the Coastguardsmen had to brave swimming in the ocean.

For Petty Officer 3rd Class Stephen Gross, the training mission required him to tread in the chilly water. It was the final task of the water survival requirements needed to obtain a certification as a boat crewman after swimming 100 yards and demonstrating knowledge with his safety gear.

"The water was cold enough to take my breath away when I first jumped in, but it wasn't too bad because I had done this before," said Gross, an Old Bridge, N.J., native who had been working toward his certification for six months.

"We do some form of training nearly every day," said Petty Officer 1st Class K. C. Knoop, lead coxswain with the MSST. "During this phase, we are basically practicing how to save our own lives and someone else's should something go wrong."

The Coastguardsmen maneuvered around the San Diego harbor in two Homeland Security response boats practicing Victor Sierra search patterns, which are effective methods for finding people lost at sea.

The technique requires them to cover a circular area where rescuers believe a victim may be.

They also did man-over-board drills in which a simulated crew member had to be rescued after falling into the ocean. Once the Coastguardsmen located and rescued their crew member, they provided him with simulated, immediate medical attention.

The Coastguardsmen also

transferred personnel from one boat to another, simulating the boarding of another ship. As one Homeland Security response boat sailed forward, the other crept alongside to enable a crew member to jump to the other vessel.

"Personnel transfers are effective methods for us to board non-compliant ships," said Knoop. "We have used the technique, in several cases,

to gain control of other ships carrying illegal drugs."

The MSST is mostly called to support local law enforcement agencies in deterring smuggling and illegal immigration, but they train everyday to prepare for any situation.

"We have to always be on top of our game because there is always the possibility of an attack," said Knoop, a Deming, N.M., native.

Knoop said the MSST is an anti-terrorism team whose responsibilities include defense readiness, search and rescue, illegal drug and immigrant suppression and natural disaster relief. Because of their multiple missions, the lead coxswain said it is important for the MSST to always be prepared.



A Homeland Security response boat maneuvers into position for a simulated personnel transfer during a water survival training evolution Jan. 17, in the San Diego Harbor.



Petty Officer 3rd Class Stephen Gross, Maritime Safety and Security Team, treads in 57-degree water during a water survival training evolution. The water temperature was uncomfortable to start, and extended exposure could be dangerous.





Petty Officer 2nd Class Brian Kile, engineer, MSST, throws a tow-rope to a simulated stranded boat. The Coastguardsmen practiced rear and side towing procedures.

Petty Officer 3rd Class Stephen Gross, Maritime Safety and Security Team, inspects his safety gear. As part of the final task to earn his certification, Gross had to demonstrate knowledge of his safety equipment.